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"Red" is 18 years of age and already ranks as one of the greatest Juniors to ever wear an Oshawa uniform. Local hockey fans already rate the likeable carrot-top to such former Oshawa Juniors standouts as "Jo-Jo" Graboski, Billy Taylor, etc. He earned this rating with his sensational display in the playoffs last year as he sparked the Generals to most of their great victories. A product of Regina, he is just beginning to feel at home in Oshawa. Flanked by the same two wingers as he had last year, Tilson's line is expected to prove one of the big factor in Oshawa's defense of their O.H.A. crown. His checking at centre-ice and speed on the attack, make him a threat every minute he is on the ice.

RONNIE NELSON

Playing his third season with Oshawa Generals, Ronnie Nelson is just another one of the team who is especially keen to grab off a Memorial Cup medal this season. He was recommended to Oshawa by "Bill" Hancock back in 1939 and he has proven his worth each season. Quiet and business-like on the ice, he does not "muck in" as much as some forwards do but he excels in play-making and clean-cut passes. He prefers to make plays for his mates but when needed, he can uncork a deadly shot and he is especially effective in front of the other team's goal. Having added weight, he is expected to turn in his best season of all, this winter.

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Dec. 26 — 3 p.m.: Stratford at Marlboros (M.L.G.) (4).

Dec. 29—Hamilton at Stratford.

Dec. 30 — Marlboros at Young Rangers (M.L.G.).

Jan. 2—Brantford at St. Michael's (M.L.G.), 3 p.m.

Jan. 5—Stratford at Hamilton.

Dec. 6—7:30 p.m.: Oshawa at St. Michael's (M.L.G.); 9 p.m: Brantford at Marlboros (M.L.G).

Jan. 7 — Hamilton at Young Rangers (at Galt).

Jan. 9—3 p.m.: Young Rangers at St. Michaels' (M.L.G.); Brantford at Oshawa.

Jan. 12—Marlboros at Hamilton; Brantford at Stratford.

Jan. 13 — Oshawa at Young Rangers (M.L.G.).

Jan. 15—Hamilton at Brantford.

Jan. 16—3 p.m.: Marlboros at St. Michael's (M.L.G.); Young Rangers at Oshawa.

Jan. 18 — Brantford at St Michael's (M.L.G.).

Jan. 19—Yong Rangers at Hamilton; Oshawa at Stratford (4).

Jan. 22—St. Michael's at Brantford.

Jan. 23 — 3 p.m.: Hamilton at Marlboros (M.L.G.); Stratford at Oshawa.

Jan. 26—Brantford at Hamilton.

Jan. 27—Oshawa at Marlboros, (M.L.G.).

Jan. 29—Stratford at Brantford.

Jan. 30—Hamilton at Oshawa, 3 p.m.; St. Michael's at Young Rangers (M.L.G.).

Feb. 1—Brantford at Marlboros, (ML.G.).

Feb. 2—St. Michael's at Hamilton.

Feb. 3 — Young Rangers at Oshawa.

Feb. 4—Marlboros at Stratford (4).

Feb. 5—Oshawa at Brantford.

Feb. 6—2 p.m.: Young Rangers at Marlboros (M.L.G.); 3:30 p.m.; Hamilton at St. Michael's (M.L.G.).

Feb. 8—St. Michael's at Marlboros (4) (M.L.G.); Oshawa at Hamilton.

Feb. 10—St. Michael's at Stratford (4); Brantford at Young Rangers (at Galt); Oshawa at Marlboros (M.L.G.).

Feb. 12—Marlboros at Brantford; Stratford at Hamilton.

Feb. 13—3 p.m.: Young Rangers at St. Michael's (M.L.G.).

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KENNIE SMITH

He came to Oshawa along with "Red" Tilson and "Sully" Sullivan last year and promptly won himself a spot in the hearts of Oshawa's hockey patrons. The speedy left-winger thrives on hard work, is one of the steadiest back-checkers in the game and few goals are scored against Oshawa off Smith's wing. His left-hand shot is deadly and he battles for loose pucks with vim and vigor. Off to a flying start this season, many predict that he will have a banner year in the scoring records. Reliable and steady, he rarely turns in a bad game and is at his best "when the chips are down". Like Tilson, he still has another year of Junior hockey to play after this season.

FLOYD CURRY

Big and rugged, the right-wing duties of Tilson's line are in excellent hands with Floyd Curry. This 17-year-old laddie is bigger than most defensemen in the league and packs a sensational shot. Three years ago Canadiens had their eye on this Kirkland Lake boy, and after his fine showing with the Generals last season, they are watching him more than ever. He can rifle a shot from right-wing or swoop around a hesitating defenseman with rare speed and he knows how to "finish off" when he gets in front of the net. Playing with familiar linemen, Curry is expected to be one of the stalwarts of the Generals this season.

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Still a Juvenile, Don Batten is the only "home brew" playing regularly on the Generals this season. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Batten, Ritson Rd. North, Don is a graduate of the Oshawa "City League", where like many other young Oshawa boys, he learned his hockey under capable leadership. Stocky and solidly built, he bids fair to be a real asset to the Generals before the season is much older. He played the odd exhibition game with the Generals last season and also performed in the Junior "B" playdowns. In the summer, he played with the Commercials, Juvenile softball champions. Anxious to learn and willing to work hard and try anything, he's going to improve every game and right now he's not far off "A" calibre.

"RUBE" WADDELL

Alternate goalie with the Oshawa Generals last season, Waddell improved steadily during the season and became the No. 1 choice when Memorial Cup playdown competition rolled around. Playing his last season of Junior hockey, Waddell is one of the keen students of the game and his own position. He does not use any unorthodox style, but plays his position in the normal style and relies upon a fast pair of hands and good foot-work to keep his citadel free from flying pucks. Quiet and reliable, he is not a "show-man" but he still stands out as one of the best net-minders in the Big Seven loop.

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ORIGIN OF HOCKEY

During the past year the committee appointed by the C.A.H.A. to determine the origin of hockey in Canada, which consisted of W. J. Hewitt, George M. Slater and J. T. Sutherland, has made a thorough investigation and is of the opinion that the game in various forms was first played in Europe and Asia and first played in Canada in Halifax and Kingston.

The word "HOCKEY" is derived from the French word "Hoquet".

The first hockey was played by the Royal Canadian Rifles, an Imperial unit, stationed in Halifax and Kingston in 1855, it is quite possible that English troops stationed in Kingston from 1783 to 1855 played hockey, as there is evidence in old papers, letters, and legend that the men and officers located with the Imperial troops as early as the year 1783, were proficient skaters and participated in field hockey. It is more than likely that the pioneers played their field hockey in those early days on skates but that is not an established fact. The playing of hockey games as early as 1855 in Kingston is certain. Early manuscripts, letters, and even the sticks and a puck used in the early days of hockey have been located. With ice conditions more favorable in Kingston harbour, which is situated at the terminus of the Great Lakes, than on the East Coast, it is only logical that there was more actual hockey and skating in Cataraqui (the old Indian name for Kingston), than in Halifax.

Montreal makes a fair claim as the birthplace of hockey with records of games in 1874. Medals and pictures of the early games are on record but they are superceded by games in Kingston and Halifax, in fact the first games played in Montreal used what are known as the Halifax rules.

Hockey popularity apparently spread across Eastern Canada after its introduction in Kingston and Halifax by the Imperial troops. R. F. Smith had records to prove that hockey was played at McGill in 1879. Mr. Smith and an associate, W. F. Robertson, who visited England the previous year, devised a set of rules for hockey games at McGill college, where they were both students. It was stated that Mr. Robertson had received his inspiration after having seen the game of field hockey played while he was in England. It is stated that about 30 participated in the first McGill game

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Many of those who have attained the greatest eminences in literature and politics, as well as in other fields, are men who also excelled as sportsmen. Colonel Roosevelt, late President of the United States, was most remarkable in this respect.

The man who wins the world's honors today must not be overtaxed, either mentally or physically —not hollow-chested, convex in back, lax in gait and flabby in muscle.

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in Montreal. Hockey was also played at the winter ice carnivals held in Montreal in 1882-83.

The Victoria Hockey Club of Montreal, which recently disbanded was the senior hockey club of Canada, at that time. The Victorias were unquestionably one of the most genuinely amateur hockey clubs that has ever participated in Canada's great winter game. Their members were particularly proud of their amateur standing and there is no record of any member of the famous "Vics" having failed to live up to their high standing in sports.

Hockey appears to have been introduced into Ottawa in the early 80's. It was introduced by players who were former members of the early McGill college teams. One of the prominent figures in the introduction of hockey in Canada's National Capital, was Dr. P. B. Ross, of the Ottawa Journal.

Hockey was introduced into the United States in the "90's" and there are records showing that McGill and Queen's Universities played in New York in 1897, and strange to say they played on artificial ice. W. F. Nickle, Kingston barrister, and formerly Attorney-General of Ontario, and who had been a member of the Ontario Hockey Association Executive for two years during the time that the late John Ross Robertson was president of that body, acted as manager of the Queen's team during that visit. Mr. Nickle tells a thrilling story of the difficulties that his team encountered while crossing the

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"BILL" BARKER

Bill Barker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barker, Clarke Street, is one of the two "homebrew" products on this year's edition of the Generals. Only 16 years old and still a little undersize, he has nevertheless shown sufficient speed, skill and hockey knowledge to catch a place on the team. Coach Conacher has not seen fit to use the Oshawa youngster in a league game yet but he practices nightly with the team and is ready to step into the breach should an unfortunate injury create a gap in the ranks of the regulars. Bill is a graduate of the Oshawa "City League" and besides starring in hockey, he also excels in softball and track sports. Two years ago he was chosen by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association as one of their five representatives to go to the Athletic Commissions summer camp and he justified the choice and brought honor to Oshawa by winning the "All-Round Championship" shield, highest award of the camp, against other boy athletes much older than himself, chosen from all over Ontario.

"BILL" EZINICKI

Bill can play either right wing or centre ice and already this speedster winger is earning star-rating with the Oshawa Generals, his first season with the team since coming here from Winnipeg. Bill played with the Winnipeg Rangers last season. Rather short in stature, 18, he still weighs 173 pounds and is one of the fastest men on a team that is known for its speed. In the summer season, he plays golf with exceptional skill and this past season earned special mention from Provincial sports writers for his sensational showing in the Ontario and Canadian Open competitions. Cool and efficient, he is at his best when in front of the other team's net, where his deadly accuracy has already placed him high in the list of goal-scorers.

ORIGIN OF HOCKEY

channel to Cape Vincent, N.Y., where the Queen's team entrained for New York.

The game of hockey probably dates back to the first time that men put runners on their feet to glide on ice, and the first really authentic story of ice skating is dated 1396, when a young woman in Scheidam, Holland, seriously injured while skating, lived so patient and beautiful a life that she was canonized as Saint Siedwi. This gives skating the only sport patron Saint.

There is a collection of ancient skates in New York which are engraved by their makes and dates of production. One spring-type skate, used in Canada up to a third of a century ago is known as the Halifax skate and is dated 1875.

It is certain that the first ORGANIZED league hockey was played in Kingston on the harbor ice, near Tete-De-Pont Barracks, built in 1672, and formerly known as Fort Frontenac, so called in honor of Count Frontenac, first Governor under the French regime. In this barracks the pioneer sol-

diers were stationed. The league comprised four clubs, the Royal Military College, Queen's University, Kingston Athletics and the Kingston Hockey Club. That league operated in 1885-86. The league was eventually merged into the Ontario Hockey Association when the provincial body was formed in 1890.

Tracing back through early, authentic military records Edwin Horsey, a reliable Canadian historian, quotes facts from his father's diary as follows: "Desertions from the Imperial troops had become most prevalent, due to high civic wages being paid and attraction as regards living conditions across the border in the United States, so it was decided to form a regiment for service in Canada only. recruited by allowing men in regular Imperial regiments to volunteer into it, instead of leaving the colony for service abroad. The corps was commonly referred to as the "Bull-Frogs," the battalion was 1100 strong and was said to have been a fine body of men, with more medals than any other regiment in the services." Continuing Mr. Horsey quotes from his father's diary, "It was not until 1855 that part of the Royal Canadian Rifles came to Kingston, when some 15 officers and 397 other ranks came here to relieve the 9th Imperial regiment, wanted for overseas service following the Crimean war. The Royal Canadian Rifles were disbanded in 1870, and was succeeded by the present Royal Canadian Horse Artillery."

The military records are quoted as there, is definite evidence that the soldiers played a group game of hockey. Historian Horsey's father also left the following reference to hockey in his diary under an earlier date—1846-47, "Most of the soldier boys are quite at home on skates. They could cut the figure eight and other fancy figures, but "shinny" was their great delight. Groups would be placed at the Shoal tower (opposite City Buildings, in the harbor) and Point Frederick (the point of land where the Royal Military Col-

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HARVEY BENNETT

Harvey Bennett is another Regina boy, a former member of the Regina Abbotts of Saskatchewan hockey fame, who followed the footsteps of his mates, Tilson, Smith and Sullivan, to Oshawa to throw in his lot with the Generals. Only 17 years of age, Bennett is hailed as the most promising goalie in Western Canada. He played juvenile hockey last winter and although still eligible for that category, he has shown that he is already ready for the junior ranks. Taller than average for a net-minder, the blonde youth is a quiet and efficient workman and with both Bennett and Waddell to call upon, the Oshawa club is well fortified in the all-important position of goal.

"SULLY" SULLIVAN

ORIGIN OF HOCKEY

lege stands) and fifty or more players on each side would be in the game." As the game of "Shinny," or "Shanty" as it is called in Scotland and "Hurtling" as it is termed in Ireland, is undoubtedly the grandparent of our present game of hockey, brought up to its present form through the principal medium of the Ontario Hockey Association and other kindred associations during the past fifty-two years, it seems obvious that we have the connecting link thoroughly established.

It has been suggested in some quarters that the game of hockey was invented by Canadian Indians, but there has been nothing found to substantiate this claim, neither have we any record of any Indian hockey clubs.

The first hockey sticks used in Canadian hockey games were imported from England, and cost four shillings each. They were quite unlike the present day Canadian sticks, being shorter and more like the type of stick used during the old indoor polo games that were so popular during the very early days of the "roller skate" epidemic, over 50 years ago. The first hockey nets to be used in Canada were introduced into a game in Montreal by none other than our own W. A. (Billy) Hewitt, who was Sporting Editor of the Montreal Herald during the winter of 1899. Mr. Hewitt believes that to the best of his knowledge the game was between the Shamrocks and the Victorias. Mr. Hewitt states that the late Francis Nelson had got the idea concerning the nets while in Australia. He also stated that they may have been in use in the O.H.A. prior to Mr. Hewitt's connection with that body. But your committee is of the opinion that nets were used for the first time in Montreal.

While peering into the past for hockey data, your committee unearthed the following interesting facts concerning a sister ice-game, Curling. It is stated that "The first curling on this continent was played by Wolfe's soldiers at Quebec in 1759-60 with irons melted from French cannon, used for stones and the first record of Kingston's part in inter-city curling, dates back to 1856, although there were games in Kingston long before that time, and, "that the same military men stationed in Halifax and Kingston, who are credited with starting hockey in Canada, brought curling to Canada and now the Dominion has more curlers and more curling clubs than any other place in the world," and also more hockey players and hockey clubs, than any other country in the world.

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"CHUCK"
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CHUCK SCHURZA

This 19-year-old speedster is another former Regina Abbots player. He played and starred on left wing with Regina Abbots for several seasons. He moved his hockey skates and stick to Oshawa this season and has already started to click at his favorite position. A smooth and extra fast skater, he is a hard worker, can hold up his end whether it be on the attack or in back-checking duties. He came to Oshawa with a reputation as a high goal-scorer but to date hasn't scored too many for the Generals, although indications are that he is due to break out in a scoring rash any time now. He weighs 170 pounds and is right at home in the heavy going that predominates in many O.H.A. fixtures.

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FRASER BOWMAN

Another 18-year-old husky who is performing well on defense for the Oshawa Generals. Bowman is a brother of Russ. Bowman, who is well known to Oshawa hockey fans as a star defenseman with the Toronto Goodyears, when the local GM-Men performed in Senior O.H.A. company. Fraser, who is six feet in height and already tips the scale at 178 pounds, is still growing and when he fills out, is going to be a veritable stonewall. He learned his hockey as a juvenile in Kirkland Lake, his home-town, but last season he played with the Baltimore Orioles in the strong U.S. Eastern Amateur League. A strong checker, although a slow skater, he is improving with each game.

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"BOB" MARSHALL

BOB MARSHALL

Bob is the giant of the team. Only 18 years old, he stands 6 ft. 1½ inches in his stocking feet and his extra reach stands him in good stead when playing defense. He is another of the team's alternates and so far has not seen much action in league competition, but he is ready to fill in when needed. Bob is a North Bay boy and last year played Junior "B" hockey with sufficient success to earn star rating in the O.H.A. playdowns. Although a bit awkward in his skating stride, he has plenty of "try" and can cover an attacker with effectiveness.

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